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IMPROVING TRANSRATING OF MPEG-
2 VIDEO

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 13, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-8, 16-23, and 31-38 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. Group I includes independent claims 1, 16, and 31. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute Group II, claims 9-15, 24-30, and 39-46 at a later time. Group II includes independent claims 9, 24, and 39.

The independent claims in Group I are included below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. A method of determining if the content of a source MPEG-2 stream, may be reduced, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a) examining said source stream to determine if a sequence_display_extension follows the most recent sequence header and sequence extension;
 - b) confirming that horizontal_size is greater than display_horizontal_size or that vertical_size is greater than display_vertical_size; and

c) if steps a) and b) are met, reducing the content of said source stream to create a reformatted stream.

16. A computer readable medium containing instructions for reducing the content of an MPEG-2 source stream, said instructions performing the steps of:

- a) examining said source stream to determine if a sequence_display_extension follows the most recent sequence header and sequence extension;
- b) confirming that horizontal_size is greater than display_horizontal_size or that vertical_size is greater than display_vertical_size; and
- c) if steps a) and b) are met, reducing the content of said source stream to create a reformatted stream.

31. The transcoder of claim 30 wherein said pan-scan module performs the following steps:

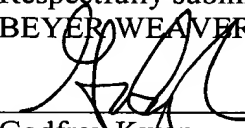
- a) examining a source video stream to determine if a sequence_display_extension follows the most recent sequence header and sequence extension;
- b) confirming that horizontal_size is greater than display_horizontal_size or that vertical_size is greater than display_vertical_size; and
- c) if steps a) and b) are met, reducing the content of said source stream to create a reformatted stream.

Claims 1-8, 16-23, and 31-38 in the present application all relate to reformatting a source video stream. The independent claims 1, 16, and 31, all recite examining a source video stream, confirming, and reducing the content of the source stream to create a reformatted stream. It should not, therefore, present an undue burden to search all claims in Group I together.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims in Group I relate to reformatting a video stream and that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. CISCP250).

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